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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of  
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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

The above-identified application has been on file in the Patent Office since December 8, 1997. Thus, it has been over fifteen months since the application was filed and no substantive action has been received from the Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office report on the status of this application to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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